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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: DJ, PLO
SUBJ: PLO REPRESENTATION IN DJIBOUTI

1. PLO REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVED DJIBOUTI FROM SOMALIA MAY 19 TO
DISCUSS OPENING OF OFFICE HERE. WE UNDERSTAND NO DECISION HAS
BEEN MADE AND THAT DISCUSSION WILL RESUME UPON RETURN OF PRESIDENT
HASSAN GOULED, NOW IN PARIS.

2. SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED THREE NAMES FOR SAME INDIVIDUAL.
ONE SOURCE GAVE OUID SAMARA AND DESCRIBED HIM AS BORN IN
MAURITANIA OF WHICH HE IS A CITIZEN, A JOURNALIST BY PROFESSION.
THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS MOUSAD EL SAMRA OR, PERHAPS,
MOHAMED MOUSAD EL SAMRA, BUT THAT HIS "OPERATION NAME" WAS
ABU OUSAMA. HE WAS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS DIRECTOR OF THE PLO
RADIO IN CAIRO BEFORE ITS CLOSURE, FORMER HEAD OF THE AFRICAN
SECTION OF THE PLO, FORMER PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN CONAKRY AND
DAKAR AND THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE AT AN OAU CONFERENCE IN
MAURITIUS AND AT AN UNIDENTIFIED CONFERENCE IN CAIRO.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR MAN IN QUESTION IS
A MEMBER OF THE "MODERATE EL FATAH" BRANCH OF THE PLO, AND WAS
ADVISOR TO YASIR ARAFAT ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

4. BOTH AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ANY AVAILABLE U.S.
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INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY
US WITH BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WHICH WE COULD PASS TO THESE
TWO DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES. WE SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW
CURRENT GUIDELINES ON CONTACTS WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES.

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